



Newsletter

August—September 2018

Upcoming Events & Announcements

DignityUSA Board Member, Marie Sweeney
Tuesday, September 18, 5:30 p.m.
718 W Halladay St (Queen Anne), Seattle

We will be hosting DignityUSA National Board of Director Marie Sweeney as she shares with us the board's current work and future plans. We will have a potluck dinner at Delia's, followed by discussion. Everyone is invited, whether you are a Dignity member or not.

Board Election Ballots due
Wednesday, September 26

Absentee ballots for Dignity/Seattle Board elections are due for those unable to attend the membership meeting.

Dignity/Seattle Annual Membership Meeting
Sunday, September 30, 2:00 p.m.
718 W Halladay St (Queen Anne), Seattle



We hope all will attend as we must have a quorum present. We will again meet at Delia's house for a potluck lunch followed by reports, discussion and voting. We will be discussing what activities we want to include in our calendar for the next year. Everyone is invited to join in this discussion - even those who are not members, but would like to participate and have a say in what activities we want for the year. If you have some ideas of activities, but are unable to attend the meeting, please forward them to Paula Lavalley at dignity.seattle@gmail.com before the 30th.

Dignity Volunteer Night at Food Lifeline
Tuesday, October 16, 6:00—8:30 p.m.
815 S 96th St (South Park), Seattle

Come help us pack food for Western Washington food banks. Please RSVP if you plan to attend: dignity.seattle@gmail.com

Save the date!

Dignity/Seattle's 45th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 28
Ivar's Salmon House
401 NE Northlake Way, Seattle

Formal invitations will be sent out in October, but please be sure to mark your calendars now for an evening of celebration and fun!



Board Members & Contact Info

Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
Paula Hills	Vice-President
Delia Vita	Treasurer, Social Comm.
Alan Scott	Secretary, Social Comm.
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We provide a safe environment for people to reconcile our God-given gifts of sexual orientation and our Catholic faith through gay-affirming liturgies. Being part of the Dignity/Seattle family means claiming ownership of our faith and living up to the responsibilities of that ownership.

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1st & 3rd Sundays, 3:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Roman Catholic Women Priests. Our Lady of Guadalupe Tonantzín Community. The Listening Post, 382 Main St (off E Hastings St, Vancouver. tepeyacvancouver@gmail.com).

For other monthly events such as potlucks and socials, please contact D/V/D via the contacts provided above.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at Delia's home.

Summer Picnic, July 28, 2018



Ten members and friends enjoyed a real feast at Becky's home in North Seattle on Saturday, July 28. The weather was perfect under the shade of the large backyard tree. Vasco did a superb job as this year's grill master. Thanks to Becky for again hosting the summer picnic.

USPS Stamp Out Hunger Food Sort

What happens to the food you donate to the U.S. Postal Service Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive? Guided by the watchful eye of the Food Lifeline Volunteer Coordinator, Adam Fox, four Dignity/Seattle members on Tuesday evening, August 14th, sorted a variety of items donated during the U.S. Postal Service's May 12th Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. During the two-hour shift, we

worked together with volunteers from other organizations and stacked ten pallets of nutritious and supplemental food items and readied them for delivery to Food Banks in Western Washington. Please join us for the next Food Lifeline volunteer night on October 16 (see front page for information).



Catholics Demand Truth Rally, September 8, 2018

Approximately forty people gathered at St. James Cathedral in Seattle on Saturday, September 8, 2018, to demand accountability and reform in the Catholic Church, prompted by the latest scandal to tar the institutional church: the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report on sexual abuse committed by Catholic clergy and the subsequent cover up by Catholic church officials.

The Seattle gathering was one in a nationwide series of vigils, and was organized by Call To Action Western Washington. Specific demands of these vigils include: (1) Survivor justice and civil recourse, (2) Church transparency and accountability (3) Dismantling patriarchy in all its forms (4) Dismantling clericalism in all its forms. [These demands are aligned with DignityUSA's work for a church free of misogyny and homophobia.]

Dignity/Seattle was represented by Jim Weston and Leo Egashira, who spoke and asked the crowd, "Do you think the sexual abuse and cover-up could have occurred had there been women priests and women in leadership roles in the Church?"

The rector of the cathedral, Fr. Mike Ryan, came out and welcomed the group. Progressive and reform movements were well represented: Sexual abuse survivors, women's ordination, married clergy, LGBTQ rights, etc.

For more information about Call To Action Western Washington and other progressive allies and supporters of Dignity, visit www.ctaww.org.

Photos of the rally are on Page 4.

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